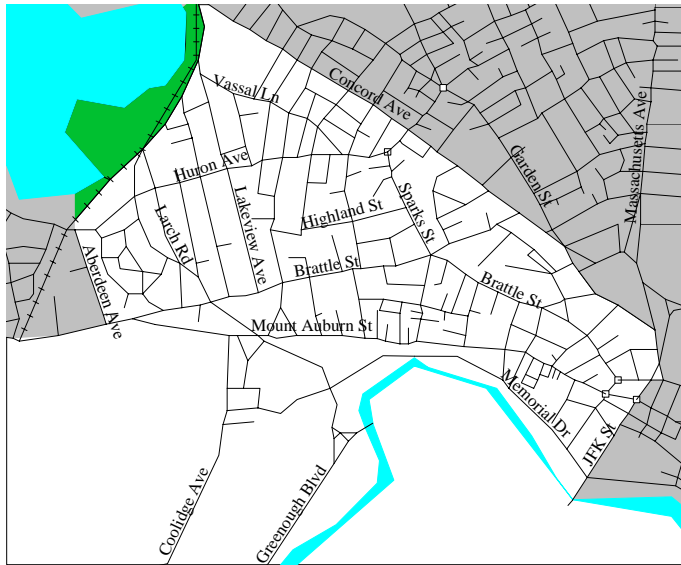
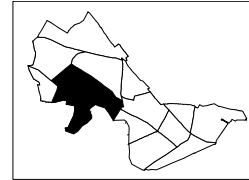


NEIGHBORHOOD 10

WEST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

POPULATION: 8,266 residents
3,887 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	11	15	15	11	21
Street Robbery	5	2	10	4	1
Auto Theft	9	10	13	18	11
Larceny from MVs	26	22	16	26	27
Malicious Destruction	36	61	30	43	33
Drug Incidents	7	3	2	1	4

2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

A pattern of late night **housebreaks** along Brattle Street and adjacent side streets surfaced in late June and propelled the increase in this target crime in West Cambridge over the first six months of 2004. The burglaries were in close proximity and multiple locations were targeted on the nights the suspects hit. A motor vehicle was stolen in three of the incidents. The suspects returned to burgle prior locations. This pattern was eradicated on the night of July 4th when three known offenders were stopped in a stolen car in Boston. The suspects were in possession of stolen items from some of the breaks and were charged with multiple crimes. The area that was affected by this pattern has been burglary free since the night of the arrest. • The only **street robbery** recorded in West Cambridge over the first two quarters of 2004 in this neighborhood was an acquaintance robbery on the periphery of Harvard Square in April. The victim was injured, although no weapon was used. • The four **drug incidents** in West Cambridge during the first six months of 2004 were all arrests recorded in Harvard Square. Two of the arrests involved overdoses in restaurants, with the other two incidents being for the possession of cocaine and marijuana. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** remained close to the average of 25 for the first six months of each year in this neighborhood. A series of weekend breaks into vehicles on the Parkway and adjacent side streets surfaced in late May and was eradicated with the arrest of a juvenile on the 3rd of July.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2003	Rank '91-'03*	Rank 2004*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	5
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	8
Auto Theft	105	6	39	10	8
Larceny from MVs	134	3	65	5	5
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	9	8

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Brattle and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, are on the rise again.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** becomes a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.

